

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Geography Division, ORR  
Project Initiation Memorandum

TO: Acting Chief, Geographic Research      Project No. 61.1558  
FROM: Chief, Geography Division      Date: 28 June 1957

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Railroad Construction in Communist China. (Support for ORR Project 47.1581.)
2. Statement of Problem: To supply written and oral support in the form of 1) assistance in determining probable alignment of proposed Chicom rail lines, and 2) brief analyses of terrain as it affects rail construction along the specified routes. (See attached memorandum of request.)

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3. S/CST      4. Responsible Analyst: [REDACTED] GG/P
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:
  - a. Other divisions of the Geographic Area:  
Possible assistance from D/GP, depending on availability of photo cover. Maps will be required in the final publication, but no D/GC support will be necessary for the D/GG support phase.
  - b. Other: Possible assistance from ESID/AMS
6. Estimated Man Hours: 65
7. Probable Completion Date: August 1957.
8. Form of Final Publication: Results will be included in ORR Project 47.1581. No separate publication is visualized. This should be considered as a G/S job in D/GG.

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9. Special Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report: Only insofar as results are included in ORR Project 47.1581.

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10. Comments: This project has been discussed with [REDACTED], the responsible analyst in S/CST. [REDACTED] work will be so arranged as to interfere as little as possible with the continuation of his work on [REDACTED]

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Chief, Geography Division

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Approved:

/s/ [REDACTED]  
Acting Chief, Geographic Research

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